

Official Says IRS Teaches Wiretapping

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A Senate Judiciary subcommittee was told yesterday that the Internal Revenue Service operates a school in Washington to teach wiretapping techniques to agents despite a regulation banning the use of such methods.

Cresson O. Davis, chief of the intelligence division for IRS in Pittsburgh, said the school is operated only for defense.

"But it could be used for offense," replied subcommittee Chairman Edward V. Long (D-Mo.).

"It could," Davis said.

"It was," Long replied.

"It was," Davis added.

The exchange took place after a noon recess in the subcommittee's hearing on the use of wiretapping devices by IRS agents in Pittsburgh, part of an overall probe of Government snooping techniques.